

# KINDERGARTEN

Dear Parents,

Welcome to kindergarten! I LOVE my job and promise to do my best every day to be your child's companion in learning. Most children will come to school with a natural desire to learn, plenty of energy and a tinge of anxiety brought on by the change in routine. I would like to share with you several tried-and-true tips for making this school experience a successful one.

- ❖ *Talk positively about school. The way your child perceives your feelings about his/her school and teacher will have a direct effect on how he/she feels about beginning kindergarten.*
- ❖ *Encourage your child to ask questions. Informed children are confident children.*
- ❖ *If your child expresses fears or anxieties about what school will be like, listen carefully. Often, verbalizing fears will help get rid of them.*
- ❖ *Familiarize your child with his/her new school and surroundings. Plan to take your child to visit our classroom. Our Open House is Wednesday, August 31 between 3:30 and 5 pm.*
- ❖ *Being well rested is very important. Attending school is a physically exhausting experience for most young children. The first few days of school, put your child to bed a little earlier than usual. Once a routine is established adjust bedtime to meet your child's needs.*
- ❖ *Practice the morning routine of getting up, having breakfast, and getting to school on time.*



**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
**THE BIGGEST DAY FOR THE LITTLEST KIDS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!**

I encourage you to establish your child's daily routine by having him/her come to school the first day the same way they will be coming throughout the year. There will be adults by the bus loop to help the kindergarten students find their way to our classroom. ➡

The first day of school can be a nervous time for children. If you are bringing your child to school this day, please deliver hugs, kisses and good-byes by the office rather than coming to our classroom. Separating can be difficult for some children at this time. Quick good-byes leave dry eyes and will help your child become accustomed to their new environment.

Please put your child's name on everything that could be lost, mixed up or forgotten. This includes items like backpacks, jackets, boots, mittens, and envelopes delivering important things to school.

**I would also like to know if your kindergartner goes by a nickname other than their formal name. If so, please e-mail me his or her nickname as soon as you can. Your child's name is written in many places in our classroom. Having the correct nickname printed on the first day of school will help with name recognition, and will raise his/her comfort level.**

I know you must have many questions. I will be sending information about birthdays, our schedule and so much more in the days to come. If anything is unclear or if you have special concerns you'd like me to know about, don't hesitate to send me an email. This is a great way to get in touch with me, especially during these very busy days at the beginning of the school year. I'm also listing the classroom phone number.

I am delighted to have your child in my class and am looking forward to a GREAT year. See you soon!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Ozminkowski or Mrs. "O"



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*Grab hold of a magic pencil  
Open your eyes and mind  
For now begins a journey  
Of the most exciting kind.  
A journey into learning  
A step...a start...a glow,  
And we will be there with you  
To help and watch you grow.  
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